



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
FORMER K-MART SHOPPING CENTER SITE  
115 Garner Road, Spartanburg, South Carolina.**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract for the former K-Mart Shopping Center Site. The contract, **VCC-06-5623-NRP**, will be between “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” and DHEC. The contract will allow “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” to purchase the property as a Brownfields site, which may have environmental pollution resulting from past practices. “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” did not create the pollution, but wishes to buy the property and voluntarily clean it up for reuse. If this contract is implemented, DHEC will not hold “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” liable under State Superfund laws for pre-existing contamination in exchange for performing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Program. If contamination has spread off of the property, State law will not allow affected parties to file suit against “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” for the past operations; however, legal action may be pursued against any former owners or operators.

The Brownfields site being purchased by “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” consists of 3.25 acres identified by tax map No. 7-08-14-076.00 and is located between Garner Road and McCravy Drive and Interstate 585. Historical photographs indicate the property was a landfill during the 1950’s (before DHEC licensed landfill locations). A K-Mart shopping center, including an automotive repair facility, was built on the property in the late 1960’s. Due to the time period when the automotive repair facility operated, there is a possibility that solvents and petroleum fluids were released to the environment. Limited testing has found low levels of contamination in soil and groundwater under the property from either the former landfill or the automotive repair facility.

“JSI Spartanburg, LLC” intends to redevelop the property into a retail grocery store. Due to the potential for environmental pollution at the site, “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” wishes to enter into a contract under DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program. Under the proposed contract, “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” will test samples of soil and groundwater, and will collect soil gas vapors to determine if indoor vapor intrusion may be of concern to any buildings built on the property. Based on the laboratory findings, “JSI Spartanburg, LLC” will take protective measures to ensure that vapor intrusion will not adversely affect use of the property and may be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment based on the laboratory findings. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/lwm/html/public.asp>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

DHEC promotes redevelopment and revitalization of Brownfields sites across the state so that these properties do not become abandoned or unusable. Public comments on proposed Brownfields contracts assist DHEC in balancing the environmental and redevelopment issues to be in the best interest of the state. Any comments or questions may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manger, email [overcajc@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:overcajc@dhec.sc.gov), telephone (803) 896-4019, or Craig Dukes, Brownfields Public Information Coordinator, SCDHEC – Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; email [dukescv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:dukescv@dhec.sc.gov), TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the Former K-Mart Shopping Center Site proposed contract until April 25, 2006.